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In re: Application of : Olaf PICHLER, et al.
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For : OPTICAL CROSS-CONNECTOR CONTAINING A MULTI-STAGE CLOS NETWORK IN WHICH A SINGLE-STAGE MATRIX COMPRISES ONE STAGE OF THE CLOS NETWORK

New York, New York
September 21, 2004

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

MS: PCT
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Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and before examination, kindly amend the above captioned application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Complete Listing of the Claims and begin on page 2 of this Preliminary Amendment.

A new Abstract of the Disclosure begins on page 6 of this Preliminary Amendment.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this Preliminary Amendment.